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Sharla Dillon
Dockets and Records Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tn 37243

DOCKET NO.

05-00069

In Re Express Connection, LLC Petition to Amend Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (docket numbers 04-00406 and 98-00389)

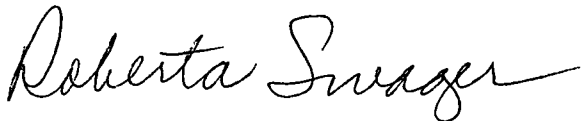
Dear Ms Dillon,

Please let the attached letter serve as the Petition of Express Connection LLC, to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

Enclosed are an original and thirteen copies along with the \$25 filing fee

Please contact me at 615-331-8255 or 615-497-9555 if there are any problems or questions with regard to this filing

Sincerely,



Roberta Swager
Express Connection, LLC

March 7, 2005

Roberta Swager
Express Connection, LLC
3207 Nolensville Rd
Nashville, Tn 37211

Chairman Pat Miller
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Pkwy
Nashville, Tn 37243

Dear Chairman Miller,

To briefly summarize the following, Express Connection, LLC and Express Connection Telephone Service are one in the same. However, due to the following circumstances, the company was inadvertently given two Certificates of Convenience and Necessity under two different names. In fact, the request to resell long distance was really a request for an "expansion" of the original CCN, which only included local resale authority.

We have recently been granted authority to resell long distance in the State of Tennessee, on docket #04-00406, company ID #128924 (see attached order). We have a previously existing certificate to resell local service in the State of Tennessee, on docket #98-00389, and company ID #128175. Please let this letter serve as my request to combine these two certificates into one certificate that encompasses both local and long distance reseller authority.

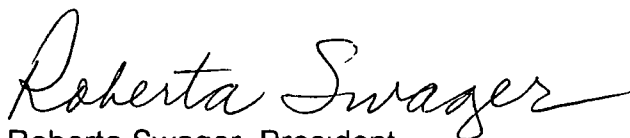
On September 1, 1998 on docket #98-00389, company ID #128175, under the name of Express Connection Telephone Service, a certificate was granted for authority to resell local intrastate telephone service (see attached order). We filed for LLC status with the Secretary of State and became an LLC on May 12, 2000. On March 21, 2001, we were issued a new certificate by the Secretary of State under the name of Express Connection, LLC (see attached).

Due to automatic renewal of our original bond for the Regulatory Authority under the name of Express Connections Telephone Service, our bond was renewed in that name on October 4, 2004. This bond has now been corrected to reflect the correct company name of Express Connection, LLC (see attached).

On November 18, 2004, Express Connection LLC submitted an application for authority to resell long distance service in the State of Tennessee on docket #04-00406, and company ID #128924, which was approved by the Authority

Please amend your records to combine these two dockets and company ID's under the newly granted order in docket #04-00406 and company ID #128924 to include authorization previously granted in docket #98-00389, such that the newly granted authority to resell long distance encompasses both the long distance and local reseller authority. Once local authority has been included in the new docket # 04-00406, under the name of Express Connection LLC, company ID #128924, please cancel the old certificate of authority in docket #98-00389 and company ID #128175

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roberta Swager". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Roberta Swager, President
Express Connection, LLC

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 14 , 2005

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF EXPRESS CONNECTION, LLC
FOR AUTHORITY TO RESELL INTEREXCHANGE
LONG DISTANCE SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.
04-00406**

Company ID: 128924

**ORDER GRANTING AUTHORITY TO
RESELL INTEREXCHANGE LONG DISTANCE
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN TENNESSEE**

This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on January 10, 2005, for consideration of the Application to resell interexchange long distance telecommunication services in Tennessee filed on November 18, 2004 by Express Connection, LLC.

Based upon careful consideration of the Application and of the record of this matter, the voting panel finds and concludes that the applicant has met all the requirements for certification and the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2- 57, which was promulgated pursuant to, *inter alia*, Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-2-102 (2004) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201 (2004), and should be authorized to resell interexchange long distance telecommunication services in Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Express Connection, LLC is authorized to resell interexchange long distance telecommunication services in the State of Tennessee.

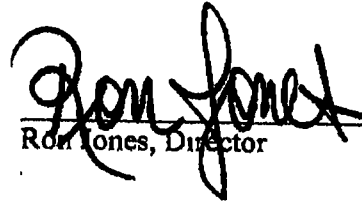
2. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Authority.
3. This Order shall be retained as proof of certification with this Authority and may be used to obtain the appropriately tariffed access line from Authority authorized telecommunications service providers.



Pat Miller, Chairman



Deborah Taylor Tate, Director



Ron Jones, Director

Company ID: 00128175

Express Connection Telephone Service
3207 Nolensville Road
Nashville, TN 37211

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, TN

September 1, 1998

IN RE. CASE NUMBER: 98-00389

Application for Authority to Provide Operator Services and/or Resell Telecommunications Services in Tennessee Pursuant to Rule 1220-4-2-.57.

---ORDER---

This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority upon the application of the above-mentioned company for certification as a reseller or telecommunication operator service provider in Tennessee. The TRA considered this application at a Conference held on August 4, 1998 and concluded that the applicant has met all the requirements for certification and should be authorized to provide operator services and/or resell telecommunications services on an intrastate basis.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the above-mentioned company is issued a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity as an operator service provider and/or reseller of telecommunications services for state-wide service in Tennessee as specified in its application on file with the Authority.
2. That said company shall comply with all applicable state laws and TRA rules and regulations.
3. That this order shall be retained as proof of certification with this Authority, and may be used to obtain appropriately tariffed service and billing arrangements from Authority authorized telecommunications service providers.

ATTEST:


Executive Secretary


Chairman


Director


Director

Secretary of State
Division of Business Services
312 Eighth Avenue North
6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

ISSUANCE DATE: 02/22/2005
REQUEST NUMBER: 05053525
TELEPHONE CONTACT: (615) 741-6488

CHARTER/QUALIFICATION DATE: 05/12/2000
STATUS: ACTIVE
CORPORATE EXPIRATION DATE: PERPETUAL
CONTROL NUMBER: 0389396
JURISDICTION: TENNESSEE

TO:
EXPRESS CONNECTION, LLC
3207 NOLENSVILLE RD
NASHVILLE, TN 37211

REQUESTED BY:
EXPRESS CONNECTION, LLC
3207 NOLENSVILLE RD
NASHVILLE, TN 37211

CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, RILEY C DARNELL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT

"EXPRESS CONNECTION, LLC"

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAW OF THIS STATE WITH DATE OF
FORMATION AND DURATION AS GIVEN ABOVE;
THAT ALL FEES, TAXES, AND PENALTIES OWED TO THIS STATE WHICH AFFECT THE
EXISTENCE OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAVE BEEN PAID;
THAT THE MOST RECENT LIMITED LIABILITY ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED HAS BEEN FILED;
THAT ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION HAVE NOT BEEN FILED; AND
THAT ARTICLES OF TERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE HAVE NOT BEEN FILED.

FOR: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE

ON DATE: 02/22/05

FROM:
EXPRESS CONNECTION LLC
104 SO GALLATIN RD
MADISON, TN 37115-0000

RECEIVED:	FEES	\$0.00
	\$20.00	
TOTAL PAYMENT RECEIVED:		\$20.00

RECEIPT NUMBER: 00003660149
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00415422



Riley C Darnell

RILEY C DARNELL
SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Tennessee



Department of State

Corporate Filings

312 Eighth Avenue North

6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower

Nashville, TN 37243

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY CONTROL NUMBER (IF KNOWN) 0389396

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §48-209-104 OF THE TENNESSEE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT, THE UNDERSIGNED ADOPTS FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO ITS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:

PLEASE MARK THE BLOCK THAT APPLIES:

- ☒ AMENDMENT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE WHEN FILED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
☐ AMENDMENT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE _____, _____ (DATE) _____ (TIME).

(NOT TO BE LATER THAN THE 90TH DAY AFTER THE DATE THIS DOCUMENT IS FILED.) IF NEITHER BLOCK IS CHECKED, THE AMENDMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME OF FILING.

1. PLEASE INSERT THE NAME OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AS IT APPEARS ON RECORD: Express Communications, LLC

IF CHANGING THE NAME, INSERT THE NEW NAME ON THE LINE BELOW:

Express Connection, LLC

2. PLEASE INSERT ANY CHANGES THAT APPLY:

A. PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: N/A STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE/COUNTY ZIP CODE

B. REGISTERED AGENT: N/A

C. REGISTERED ADDRESS: N/A STREET

CITY STATE ZIP CODE COUNTY

D. OTHER CHANGES: N/A

3. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE BY FILLING IN THE DATE AND BY CHECKING ONE OF THE TWO BOXES:

THE AMENDMENT WAS DULY ADOPTED ON March 21, 2001 BY THE
MONTH DAY YEAR

- ☐ BOARD OF GOVERNORS WITHOUT MEMBER APPROVAL AS SUCH WAS NOT REQUIRED
☒ MEMBERS

PRESIDENT
SIGNER'S CAPACITY

Roberta Swager
SIGNATURE

ROBERTA SWAGER
NAME OF SIGNER (TYPED OR PRINTED)

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

TENNESSEE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER'S SURETY BOND

Bond #: 1010477

WHEREAS, Express Connection, LLC (the "Principal"), has applied to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for authority to provide telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, the Principal is required to file this bond in order to obtain such authority and to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of the Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990 by or on behalf of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "TRA"), and

WHEREAS, Lexon Insurance Company (the "Surety"), a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, has agreed to issue this bond in order to permit the Principal to comply with the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that we the Principal and the Surety are held and firmly bound to the STATE OF TENNESSEE, in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j), in the full amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America to be used for the full and prompt payment of any monetary sanction imposed against the Principal, its representatives, successors or assigns, in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990, by or on behalf of the TRA, for which obligation we bind ourselves, our representatives, successors and assigns, each jointly and severally, firmly and unequivocally by these presents

This bond shall become effective on the 4th day of October, 2004, and shall be continuous, provided, however, that each annual renewal period or portion thereof shall constitute a new bond term. Regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative, and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits or actions under this bond shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The Surety may cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such cancellation to the TRA and Principal by certified mail, it being understood that the Surety shall not be relieved of liability that may have accrued under this bond prior to the date of cancellation.

PRINCIPAL

Express Connection, LLC

Name of Company authorized by the TRA

128175

Company ID # as assigned by TRA

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL



Name: ROBERTA SWAGER

Title: PRESIDENT

SURETY

Lexon Insurance Company

Name of Surety

1919 S. Highland Ave, Ste 300 Bldg A
Lombard, IL 60148-4979

Address of Surety

SIGNATURE OF SURETY AGENT



Name: Phillip H. Condra, attorney-in-fact

Title: attorney-in-fact

Address of Surety Agent:

1030 17th Ave S.
Nashville, TN 37212

THIS BOND IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 125, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 65 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER NO. 586, 2000 PUBLIC ACTS. SHOULD THERE BE ANY CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF AND THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER, THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS SHALL PREVAIL. (POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM AN APPROVED INSURANCE COMPANY MUST BE ATTACHED.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF _____

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared _____ with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of _____, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

My Commission Expires:

_____, 20____

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF Davidson

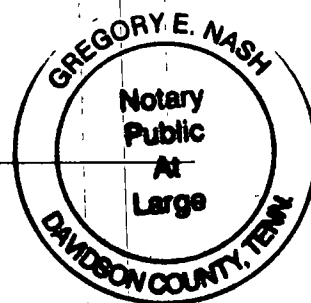
Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Phillip H. Condra with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing bond on behalf of Lexon Insurance Company within named Surety, a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and that he as such an individual being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing bond, by signing the name of the corporation by himself and as such individual.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 15 day of February, 2005

My Commission Expires:

1/26/2008, 2000

G. E. Nash
Notary Public



APPROVAL AND INDORSEMENT

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing bond and found the same to be sufficient and in conformity to law, that the sureties on the same are good and worth the penalty thereof, and that the same has been filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, State of Tennessee, this _____ day of _____, 20____

Name.

Title:

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Lexon Insurance Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**, a Texas Corporation, with its principal office in Louisville, Kentucky, does hereby constitute and appoint

Gregory E. Nash, Janice S. Scott, Phillip H. Condra

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact to make, execute, seal and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond.

This authority is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Board of Directors of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY** on the 1st day of July, 2003 as follows.

Resolved, that the President of the Company is hereby authorized to appoint and empower any representative of the Company or other person or persons as Attorney-In-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings, policies, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond not to exceed \$2,000,000 00, Two Million Dollars, which the Company might execute through its duly elected officers, and affix the seal of the Company thereto. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-In-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company. Any Attorney-In-Fact, so appointed, may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Resolved, that the signature of the President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Vice President, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond of undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY** has caused this instrument to be signed by its President, and its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 2nd day of July, 2003

**LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**

BY

David E. Campbell
President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On this 2nd day of July, 2003, before me, personally came David E. Campbell to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he is the President of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument, that he executed said instrument on behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-laws of said corporation.

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
LYDIA J. DEJONG
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 1/12/2007

Lydia J. DeJong
Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of **LEXON INSURANCE COMPANY**, A Texas Insurance Company, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Signed and Sealed at Lombard, Illinois this 4th Day of October, 2004



Donald D. Buchanan
Secretary